

Battle Creek Current



August 2016

City Manager's Corner

with Rebecca Fleury



It is hard to believe we are entering the final months of summer. But don't be down—there is still much to do in the city!

The Farmers Market is still full of wonderful produce and great things to eat, Festival Market Square is full of concerts, activities and Pokémon! Full Blast is refreshing and cool enjoyment and the Linear Park path is great for biking and hiking. Plus baseball is in full force at Bailey Park. Get out and be a part of it all!

Calling all artists... have you heard about the City Hall art contest? If not, check out our website for all the details. We want to display your art in City Hall. Enter soon!

Speaking of getting involved, do you know which Neighborhood Planning Council you're in? If not, get to the city's website and figure it out using the information, then get to a meeting. They need your participation and willingness to be a strong voice for your neighborhood. It takes a village to raise a child and it takes strong neighborhoods to make a great city! Your NPC is a great way to get involved in all things City of Battle Creek.

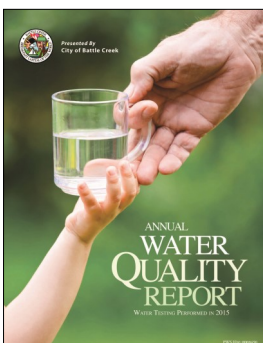
Hopefully you and your family are having a wonderful summer and enjoying all the city has to offer. We appreciate you being part of our great community!

City Calendar

For more, visit www.battlecreekmi.gov and www.battlecreekvisitors.org/events.

- **Board of Appeals**, 1 p.m., City Hall: Sept. 21, Oct. 19
- **City Commission**, 7 p.m., City Hall: Sept. 6, Sept. 20, Oct. 4, Oct. 18
- **Civil Service Commission**, 4 p.m., City Hall: Sept. 26, Oct. 24
- **Dangerous Buildings**, 1 p.m., City Hall: Sept. 14, Oct. 12
- **Historic District Commission**, 4 p.m., City Hall: Sept. 12, Oct. 10
- Historic District petition deadline: Sept. 16, Oct. 21
- **Planning Commission**, 4 p.m., City Hall: Sept. 28, Oct. 26
- Planning Commission **petition deadline**: Sept. 2, Sept. 30, Oct. 21
- **Police/Fire Retirement System Board**, 10 a.m., City Hall: Sept. 19, Oct. 17
- **Sustainable BC Committee**, 4 p.m., Dept. Public Works: Oct. 5
- **Transit Local Coordinating Committee**: 1:30 p.m., Dept. Public Works, Sept. 13
- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, 4 p.m., City Hall: Sept. 13, Oct. 11
- Zoning Board **petition deadline**: Sept. 16, Oct. 14
- **Flash Flood Water Park**, normal summer hours: Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. Open until Labor Day.
- **Yard Waste pickup**: Continues thru Dec. 2. City residents only. Place items at curb on regular pickup day.
- **Fall cleanup**: Sept. 19-23 at residential curbsides. Includes pickup of 10 cubic yards construction waste. City residents only.
- **Household Hazardous Waste collection**: 10 a.m.-noon Sept. 24, Calhoun County building, 315 W. Green St. More at calhouncountyclecycling.com or 269-969-6341.
- **Krazy for the Kazoo river cleanup**: All day Oct. 1. Anyone can help! Registration starts 8:30 a.m. at Bailey Park. More at www.bcwater.org.
- **Trunk or Treat** from the Battle Creek Police Dept.: 5-7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31 at the station, 20 N. Division St.
- **Photo contest**, Kalamazoo River Watershed, now through July 31, 2017. Cash prizes, adult/student divisions. More at www.bcwater.org.
- **City offices CLOSED** for Labor Day, Sept. 5. Transit bus/van services canceled. Waste Management closed; 1-day service delay.

See the online calendar on our website for the most up-to-date meeting/event information!



2015 Water Quality Report now available!

This year's city water quality report—using 2015 data—is available online for viewing.

The report is available at <http://www.gemgrp.com/eReports/CNMI009587-1Y16.pdf> or on the city's website, www.battlecreekmi.gov. Navigate to I Want To..., View, [Annual Water Quality Reports](#).

Water customers may request that a paper copy be delivered to them by calling the Water Meter Shop at 269-966-3506 or Utility Billing at 269-966-3366.

This report contains information about the source and quality of our drinking water, as well as various water issues.



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City Manager, 269-966-3378
Fax, 269-966-6654

City Clerk, 269-966-3348

Code Compliance, 269-966-3387

Fire Department administration,
195 E. Michigan Ave., 269-966-3519

Police Department, 20 N. Division
St., 269-966-3322

Non-emergency, 269-781-0911

Department of Public Works, 150
S. Kendall St., 269-966-3343

Parks & Recreation/Full Blast Fit-
ness Center, 35 Hamblin Ave., 269-
966-3431

Transit, 339 W. Michigan Ave., 269-
966-3474

Utility Billing, 269-966-3366

W.K. Kellogg Airport, 15551 S.
Airport Road, 269-966-3470

City Commission

Mayor Dave Walters, Ward 5
269-209-0626

Vice Mayor Susan Baldwin, at-large
269-963-6901

Deb Owens, Ward 1
269-420-4031

Lynn Ward Gray, Ward 2
269-830-2456

Kate Flores, Ward 3
269-832-2912

Michael Sherzer, Ward 4
269-420-0384

Mark Behnke, at-large
269-441-7663

Kaytee Faris, at-large
734-330-6236

Andy Helmboldt, at-large
269-660-9659

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See our website for a full staff directory.



Learn more about city departments and services
on Commissioner Lynn Ward Gray's AccessVision
TV show, *Keeping You Informed*. It appears on
Channels 17 and 917 at 6 p.m. Wednesdays and
online, accessvision.tv.

Aug: City-School Collaborations town hall
Sept: Neighborhood Planning Councils

Making a Beautiful Battle Creek

Beautiful Battle Creek

Awards are presented month-
ly to residents and businesses

in recog-
nition of
their
efforts to
improve
their
neighbor-
hood and
communi-
ty
through
property maintenance and
beautification.

These good neighbors and
businesses act as examples to
others in contributing to the
community-wide goal of im-
proving the appearance of
neighborhoods and the quality

of life for Battle Creek's citizens.

Each month the **Neighborhood
Planning
Councils**
may nomi-
nate one
residential
and one
commer-
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the Battle
Creek

City Commission to receive these
awards, which are presented by
the mayor at the second meeting
each month (typically the third
Tuesday). This public recognition
celebrates those who take care of
their properties and encourage
others to do the same.

If you miss the award presenta-

tions at the commission meetings,
you can view the most recent
video clip on our website,
www.battlecreekmi.gov. Under
the I Want To... tab on the home
page, click [Neighborhood Planning
Councils](#) under Learn About.

Also search for us on YouTube
and you can view all of the video
clips, starting in 2016.

There you can also learn more
about the NPCs, the groups of
citizens from the same residential
areas who meet to discuss issues
or concerns in their neighbor-
hoods. Any person who lives or
owns property in an NPC area
may attend meetings, which are
open to the public.

Want to learn more? Check out
the website or call 269-966-3382.



A huge thank you to everyone who visited us at our first-ever **City Fair** on July 27. We were
happy to meet and chat with you! If you joined us, would you give us some feedback? We'd love
to hear your thoughts for future events. Please just cut this section and include it in your water
bill! Thank you again!

- How did you find out about City Fair? Circle all that apply: BC Enquirer BC Shopper
Other media City website City social media Other _____
- Did you enjoy these games and activities? Circle all that apply: Fire Dept smoke trailer Police Dept K-9s
Vehicle display Selfies with City Staff Golf inflatable Other _____
- What was your favorite part of the City Fair?

- What would you change or add for next year's City Fair?

- Would you attend a future City Fair? Would you change the day, time or location?

- Anything else you'd like to tell us?

